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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: NEW DIV APPLICATION

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FOR: CODE GENERATING METHOD AND UNIT THEREOF, CODE DETECTING METHOD AND UNIT THEREOF, AND WATERMARK EMBEDDING UNIT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified divisional application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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